

K344 Townsend House  
Chestertown  
private

mid 19th century

This is a vernacular mid-nineteenth century frame ~~residence~~<sup>residence</sup> historically significant only to those interested in the history of houses in the heart of ~~its~~ the Chestertown Historic district. Its porch does not appear to be original.

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# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

*Townsend House*

*K344*

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

*119 High Street*

CITY, TOWN

*Chestertown*

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

*First*

STATE

*Maryland*

COUNTY

*Kent*

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

#### ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

#### PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☐ PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ OTHER:

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

*Rolph Townsend*

Telephone #: *778-0654*

STREET & NUMBER

*119 High Street*

CITY, TOWN

*Chestertown*

STATE, zip code

*Maryland 21620*

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

*Office of the County Clerk*

Liber #: *RAS 11*

Folio #: *229*

STREET & NUMBER

*Kent County Courthouse*

CITY, TOWN

*Chestertown*

STATE

*Maryland*

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

*none*

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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### CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

119 High Street is a large scale 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -story, 3-bay ~~frame-house~~ mid-nineteenth century frame house with a gabled roof and dormers. It is situated on part of Town Lot 11 on the southwest side of High Street between Queen and Front Streets.

The facade is symmetrical. There is a full-width porch across the front which continues around the north corner and across the northwest gable end. It is one story high with a flat roof; the columns are round and there is a continuous rail of square balusters.

The house has a brick foundation. The entrance has narrow 3-pane sidelights and a 4-pane transom. The door is not original. There is a large cyma recta cornice over the transom.

There is a wide 1/1 double hung sash window with louvered shutters in the southeast (left) bay on the first story and a bay window (three 1/1 windows) in the northwest (right) bay. The three second story windows are 2/2 with louvered shutters.

There is a box cornice with a short return along both gable ends. The roof is covered with composition shingles. There are chimneys within both gable ends. On the roof are three gabled dormers with plain flared bargeboard trim and 6/6 windows.

There is one 1/1 window in the front bay of the first story on the southeast gable end, a matching window in the front bay of the northwest gable end and a door in the rear bay.

There is a 2-story half-width wing with a flat roof to the rear and a 1-story gable roof shed beyond it.

The entire house is sided with asbestos shingles.

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) historic area	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES mid 19th century BUILDER/ARCHITECT unknown

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house was built in the mid nineteenth century for Temperance Bradshaw. There is no telling how much, if any, of the porch is original and when the bay window went on. The only modernism on the house besides the asbestos shingles are the 1/1 large sash windows.

## Summary of Title Search

Samuel E. Baker to Temperance Bradshaw JMG 9 62 (1843) \$600  
(part of lot 11 with messuages & tenements)

Temperance Bradshaw wills her residence to Charles H. Baker Wills EC 1 93 (1874)

Charles H. Baker wills house to Mary J. Baker for life and then to his daughters Wills JCS 1 325

Mary L. Baker to Indiana Davis et. al. JTD 13 503 (1906) \$3800.

Indiana Davis to Annie T. Hays JTD 13 584 (1906) \$4800

Annie T. Hayes to Charles Jefferson JTD 19 125 (1909) \$4000  
Harper

Elizabeth H. Baxter, et al., surviving heirs of C. Jefferson, to Rolph Townsend  
RAS 11 229 (1933) \$6750.

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

no boundary description

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Robert Neill Historic Site Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Town of Chestertown

DATE

May, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

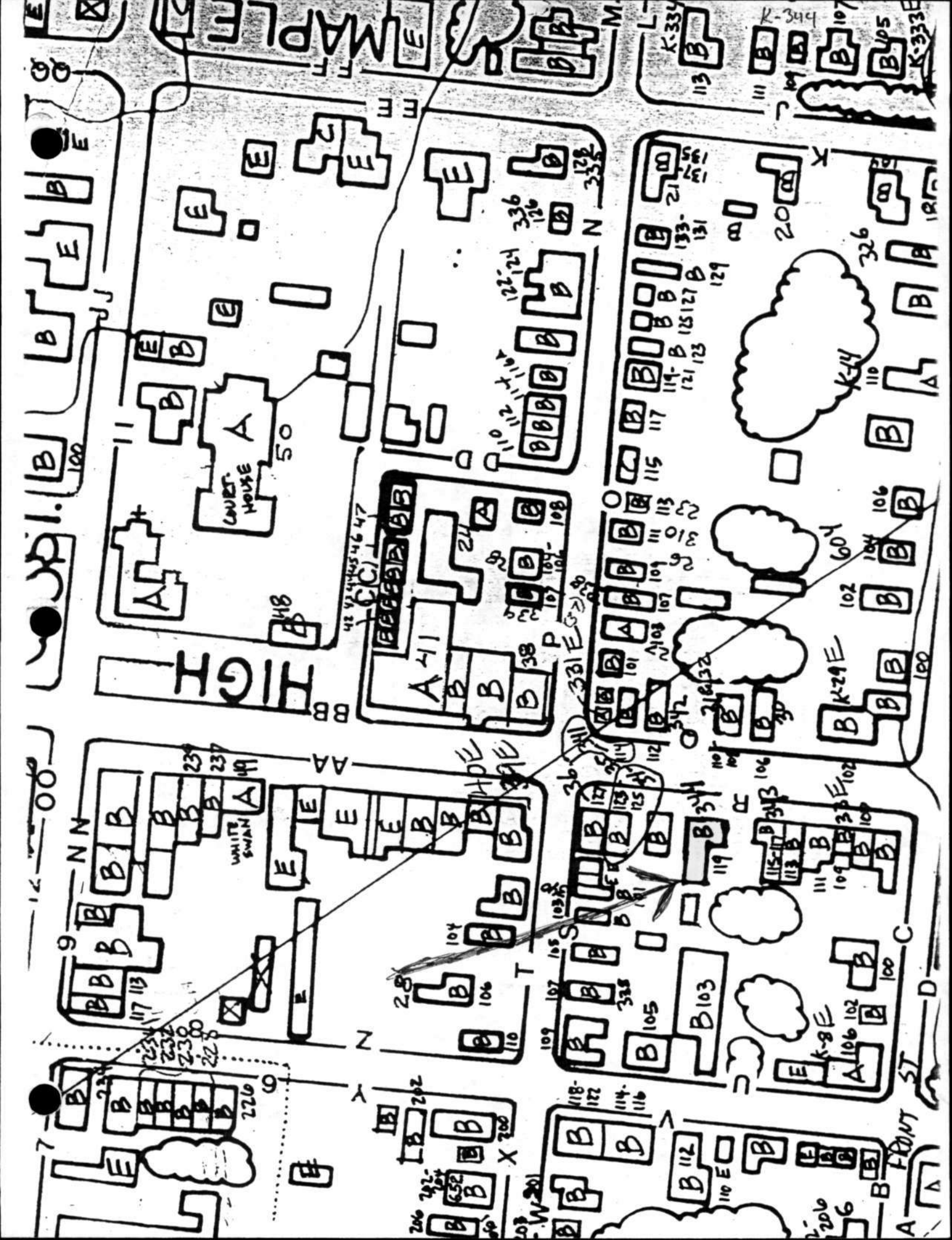
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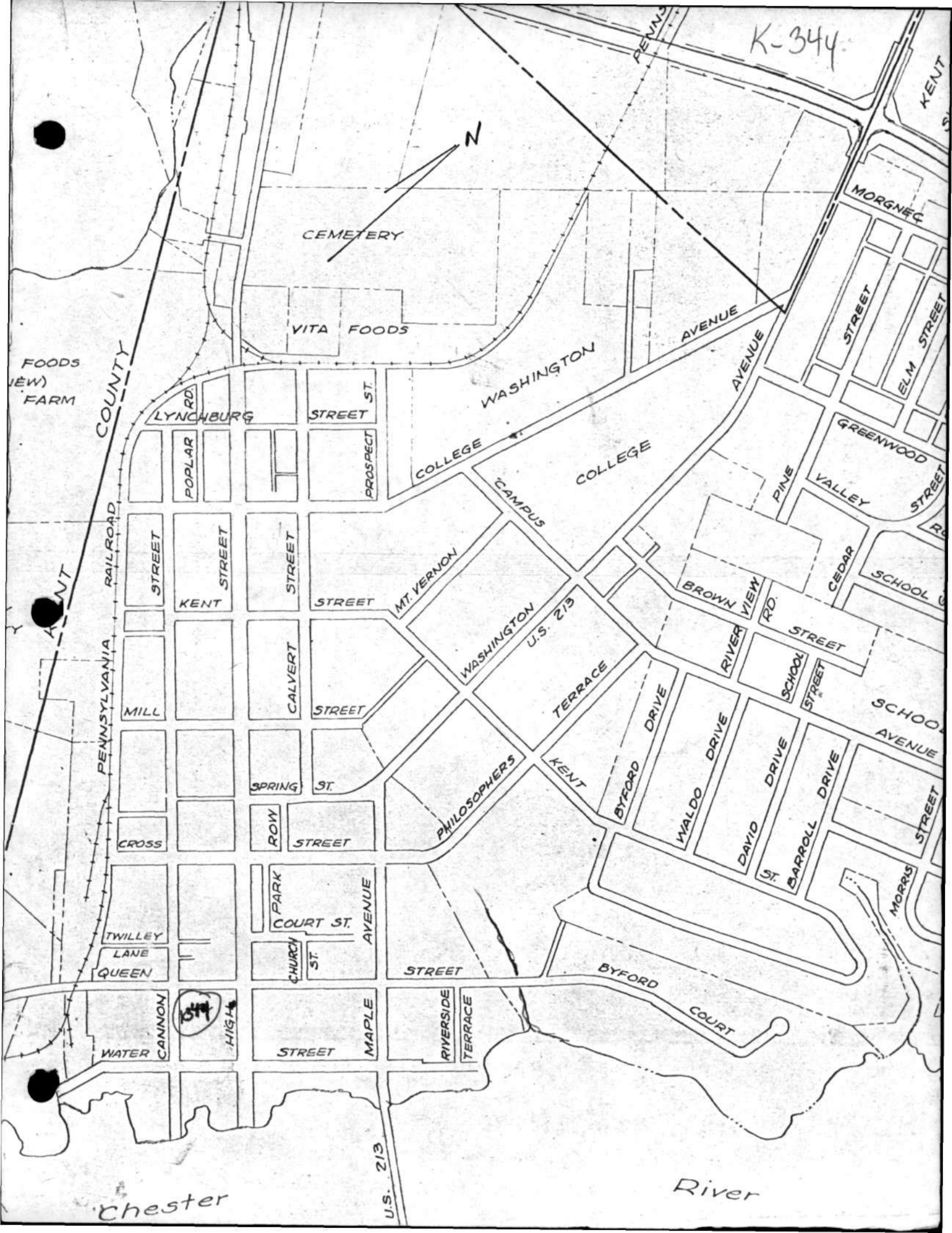
The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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FOODS  
(VIEW)  
FARM

CEMETERY

VITA FOODS

LYNCHBURG

WASHINGTON

AVENUE

MORGNEC

STREET

ELM STREET

GREENWOOD

STREET

VALLEY

SCHOOL

CEDAR

BROWN VIEW

RD.

STREET

SCHOOL

AVENUE

STREET

MORRIS

BYFORD COURT

WALDO DRIVE

DAVID DRIVE

BARROLL DRIVE

ST.

BYFORD DRIVE

TERRACE

WASHINGTON

U.S. 213

WASHINGTON

PHILOSOPHERS

MT. VERNON

STREET

STREET

SPRING

ST.

ROW

STREET

PARK

COURT ST.

CHURCH

ST.

AVENUE

MAPLE

STREET

RIVERSIDE

TERRACE

TWILLEY  
LANE  
QUEEN

WATER  
CANNON

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HIGH

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